(a) whether Government is planning to change the power distribution policy to define the share of home State from a power plant located in its territory; and

(b) if so, what would be the distribution ratio?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) An in-house thinking process has been initiated in the Ministry of Power recently for examining the need to review the present arrangement relating to allocation of power. As the process is at very initial stage, the probable distribution ratio of power cannot be spelt out at this stage.

NSSO survey on consumer expenditure

1778. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether, on the basis of the data of 61st Round (2004-05), large sample survey of consumer expenditure, conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation, the number of people not having two square meals a day throughout the year was 2.4 percent in rural areas and 0.5 percent in urban areas, at national level;

(b) if so, what was the actual number of such people and what was their daily income; and

(c) whether the above is a grim scenario for the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per NSS Report No. 512 entitled "Perceived Adequacy of Food Consumption in Indian Households 2004-05" based on NSS 61st round conducted during July 2004 to June 2005, the percentage of households 'not getting enough food every day in any month' and 'not getting enough food every day only some months of the year' during the period of survey and corresponding number of households and their Monthly Per Capita Expenditure (MPCE) are given in the table below:

Table: Percentage of households by food availability status

All-India	Rural		Urban	
	not getting enough food every day in any month	not getting enough food every day only some months of the year	not getting enough food every day in any month	not getting enough food every day only some months of the year
% of households	0.4	2.0	0.1	0.4
Estimated number of households	6,74,000	30,26,300	77,100	2,12,000
Monthly Per Capita Expenditure (MPCE) Rs.	334.51	389.16	371.22	440.99

It may be clarified that NSSO does not conduct income surveys.

(c)Corresponding to the results of the earlier quinquennial NSS surveys conducted during 1999-2000 (55th round) and 1993-94 (50th round) , these percentages have gradually declined. The percentage distribution of households by food availability status over time may be seen in the given statement.

Statement

Percentage distribution of households by food availability status over time

All-India

Sector/round	% of households				
	Getting enough food everyday throughout the year	Not getting enough food everyday		not recorded	All
		Some months of the year	All months of the year		
					Rural
NSS 61st round (July 2004 -June 2005)	97.4	2.0	0.4	0.2	100
NSS 55th round (July 1999 -June 2000)	96.2	2.6	0.7	0.5	100
NSS 50th round (July 1993- June 1994)	94.5	4.2	0.9	0.4	100
					Urban
NSS 61st round (July 2004 -June 2005)	99.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	100
NSS 55th round (July 1999 -June 2000)	98.6	0.6	0.3	0.4	100
NSS 50th round (July 1993 -June 1994)	98.1	1.1	0.5	0.3	100

Functioning of MPLADS

1779.SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the functioning of Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the feedback obtained by Government;

(c) whether Government proposes to increase the quantum of MPLADS funds from the existing rupees two crore per annum;

(d) whether the State Governments have not framed special procedure for scrutinising and executing recommendations under MPLADS;